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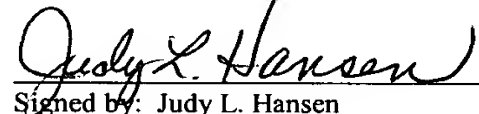
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KESTUTIS J. TAUTVYDAS AND JEFFREY F. ANDREWS
Application No.: 09/696,635 Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: October 25, 2000 Examiner: S. Jiang
Title: FRUIT, VEGETABLE, AND SEED DISINFECTANTS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT Under 37 CFR § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), mailed March 10, 2004 and the Office Action dated November 14, 2003 in the above-identified application.

This response is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.